

# THOUSANDS SPEND SUNDAY OUTDOORS

Summer Weather Draws People to Streets and Parks in Search of Fresh Air.

## PALM SUNDAY OBSERVED

After-Church Parade Along Fashionable Thoroughfares—Revival of Interest in Boating.

Palm Sunday in Richmond was as glorious a spring day as is often seen, and the streets and parks of the city were filled with well-dressed people until dark, when a rising wind storm drove many indoors.

Unusually large congregations were reported at the churches of the city, and many dashes of color in the dress of both men and women showed the near approach of Easter. Perhaps no class of Richmond people has made greater improvement in the last few years in the style of dressing than the small boy. His well pressed Sunday clothes, frequently with the stylish broad white collar, makes him one of the most conspicuous objects in the after-church promenade.

**Blessing of Palms.**  
The service of blessing the Palms was observed with fitting ceremony in all the Catholic churches yesterday, the day being commemorative of the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem. Many of the Episcopal churches also had palm branches in the church, and hundreds of people were seen on the streets carrying sprigs of palm leaves.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, which will be observed by Catholics, Episcopalians, Baptists and Presbyterians with special exercises during this week, of which notice will be given from day to day.

## Thousands on Streets.

The warm, bright day yesterday brought thousands of men, women and children into the streets and parks. In the afternoon numbers sought relief from the dust and heat of the city in the suburban parks. Many journeys were made in the hope of seeing Bostock's animals, but the building was closed for some alterations. Lakeside, Forest Hill, Chimborazo and the city parks had their full share of the crowd, who were glad to welcome the coming of spring.

Fruit trees are blossoming in many parts of Henric, and dogwood blossoms were brought in by some adventurers from the Chickahominy lowlands.

Fish are said to be running in good quantities, and many a Richmonder out in his Sunday's rest dreaming in the fishing with rod and reel. An excuse for his laziness, Easter Monday will see the usual number of fishing excursions to the nearby streams, and if the warm weather holds, the run of fish will no doubt be sufficient to go around. With the coming of spring weather there has been quite a revival of interest in boating.

## Interest in Boating.

The Virginia Boat Club is preparing to open its clubhouse on Easter Monday, with the largest membership in the history of the club. In addition to the club, there are a number of private boats on the river. It is rumored that several new gasoline launches will shortly be put in the water, and there is much talk among the boating fraternity of cruising trips to Jamestown Island and camping parties at various places along the historic James. With the exposition on and the constant passing of excursion steamers, it is probable that Richmond people will give more attention to the river as a playground than ever before. There is a fine field for some one to put in a up-to-date boat livery and rent light speed rowboats during the summer season.

## TO ADDRESS STUDENTS.

Hon. Robert T. Barton Orator for University College This Year.  
The faculty of the University College of Medicine feels that it is very fortunate in securing an orator for the commencement exercises on the 21st of May. It has been the custom of this faculty in the past to invite gentlemen of distinguished ability and some of the most popular and profitable addresses delivered in Richmond, the last eight or ten years, have been made at these commencement exercises. Hon. Robert T. Barton, of Winchester, will be the orator this year. He is so well known as a prominent lawyer and hunter of Virginia, that it is unnecessary to make any further announcement in the city of Richmond.

## CANDIDATES APPEARING.

Hon. C. H. Jennings Aspiring to Senate This Time.

Hon. C. H. Jennings, of Washington county, a former member of the House of Delegates, will be a candidate for the Senate this year in the district composed of Washington and Smyth counties and the city of Bristol. Mr. J. D. Williams is likely to be a candidate for the Democratic nomination in the district. Hon. Preston W. Campbell, incumbent, is a candidate for re-election and election as Commonwealth's Attorney for Washington. He served in the Constitutional Convention of 1902, and is well known in Richmond. Mr. John O. Bradley is a candidate for treasurer, and Mr. David A. Duff for sheriff of the same county.

A gentleman from that county expressed the belief that this ticket will win in the general election.

## MANY CRAP-SHOOTERS IN POLICE STATION.

Thirteen crap-shooters were held up in the city jail on Saturday. They were in three parties. The first detachment was under the escort of Officers Gary and Duke; the second under that of Officers Bernstein, Smith and Atkinson; and the third had the pleasure of landing the third detachment. Some of the offenders were bailed, and some were held to this morning.

# CHINAMAN, BRAZILIAN AND AFRICAN ADDRESS SCHOOL

Unique Service Held at Calvary Baptist Church Yesterday—Natives of Mission Fields Now Here Studying for Ministry.

A unique and interesting missionary service was held yesterday in the Sunday-school of Calvary Baptist Church. Three speakers were natives from the three mission fields, men who had been converted under the efforts of the Southern Baptist Church, and who are now in this country as students preparing to go back as a minister to his own people.

From the Brazilian field came Mr. Eduardo Belfort, whose Portuguese accent proved very attractive to his hearers. From China came the son of a native Baptist preacher, Mr. Fong Young, who will no doubt make an able minister himself. The representative of the African jungle was known as "Overlander."

The pastor, Rev. Ryland Knight, presided at the service, and introduced the various speakers. The collection for foreign missions from the scholars in the Sunday-school amounted to \$18.

# RICHMOND ELKS MAKE PILGRIMAGE OF HEBREW HOME

Large Number Will Attend Meeting of Convention in Philadelphia.

The Grand Lodge committee of the Richmond Lodge of Elks met at the home yesterday afternoon and discussed informally the proposed pilgrimage of the local lodge to Philadelphia upon the occasion of the meeting of the Grand Lodge this summer. It was decided that the whole matter should be left to the lodge itself, and a report will be made at the regular meeting Wednesday night.

The election of officers will take place at this meeting, and there will be a large attendance, and in view of this fact the committee thought it best to allow the general body to settle the details of the proposed trip.

Richmonders will attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge. The party will be joined by many of the Manchester Elks and a number from Petersburg.

## NO ANNOUNCEMENT YET.

Judge Scott Considering Matter of Henric Treasurership.

No announcement has been made as yet of the appointment of a treasurer for Henric county. Judge Scott said last night that he hoped to be able to make his selection within the next few days. Between hearing criminal cases in the Henric court and carrying a civil docket in the city Circuit Court, Judge Scott has been unusually busy for the last week, and has not yet had time to consider other matters. It was being freely said about the courthouse Saturday that the appointment lay between Mr. W. B. Frayser and Mr. George Watt. Mr. Watt has been for many years the head bookkeeper and cashier of the Randolph Box Company, and is said to be a competent and well-trained accountant.

Mr. Frayser is the present chairman of the board of supervisors, and has a wide acquaintance throughout the county.

The judge will not be limited, however, to those who have announced themselves as candidates.

## MILLMEN GET CHECK FROM GENERAL OFFICE

It was announced yesterday that the Millmen local union, No. 10, had received a check from the general office of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, for distribution among those members recently locked out of the Richmond Woodworking Company's plant.

After the lockout the men put the matter before their general president, William D. Huber, who investigated the situation and decided to give the local members financial aid. The money is being paid out in the form of checks, and several of them have secured work elsewhere. None has applied for his former position. Daily meetings are being held during the lockout.

## LITTLE WHITE BOY IS ATTACKED BY BULL DOG

While playing with a group of small boys near the eighth and Franklin Streets yesterday afternoon, Stewart Sarge, son of Mr. Joseph E. Sarge, was attacked and bitten by a bull dog. He was treated by a physician, who declared his injuries were not serious.

## SHOT BROTHER-IN-LAW AND COMMITTED SUICIDE

MEMPHIS, TENN., March 24.—Inter-racial in an incident which resulted in the suicide of Charles Wallace, a saloon-keeper, today shot and seriously wounded his brother-in-law, J. E. Roush, and firing two bullets into his own brain, ended his life.

According to the statement of Roush, he discovered Wallace alone with two women in a room at the rear of the saloon, and when he questioned him as to why he was so armed, Wallace fired on him, inflicting three wounds. Wallace then turned the weapon upon himself. Wallace has been in ill health for some weeks, and it is believed that his mind was temporarily unbalanced.

## NEGRO BANK PRESIDENT CHARGED WITH MURDER

HATTIESBURG, MISS., March 23.—Joseph Pettus, president of the People's Bank, a negro institution of this city, was today arrested and charged with the murder of Edward Howell, the cashier of the bank, who was waylaid and shot to death here on the night of March 19th. Pettus and Howell were the only persons who knew the combination of the vault. After the murder the vault was opened and several notes Pettus owed the bank and \$2,500 in cash were taken. This led to the arrest of Pettus, who is also charged with grand larceny. Pettus is a leader here among the negroes.

## ONE DEATH RESULTS FROM POISONED HASH

LEAVENWORTH, KAN., March 24.—One death resulted today among the nine hundred old soldiers at the National Soldiers' Home here who were poisoned yesterday by eating tainted hash. The victim was William J. Cook, aged sixty-four years, a member of the Fourteenth Missouri Cavalry. He leaves a widow at Mexico, Mo.

About seventy-five of the veterans are in a serious condition. It is not thought any of these will die. The majority of the others made ill have recovered.

# AGREES WITH DR. BOATWRIGHT

Mr. Bryan Explains Position With Reference to College and University.

## CONFERENCE HAD BEEN HELD

Decades Must Pass Before Great Part of Plan Is Perfected.

It seems that in the brief talk had over the telephone with Dr. Joseph Boatwright Saturday night about Dr. F. W. Boatwright's statement of the position of Richmond College in respect to the proposed University of Richmond, the views of Mr. Bryan were not fully understood by the representative of The Times-Dispatch.

Upon a fuller statement by Mr. Bryan it is plain that he agrees cordially with Dr. Boatwright. Mr. Bryan said yesterday evening that a few weeks ago he had had a protracted conference with Dr. Boatwright, and fully approved the doctor's attitude of prudence and caution towards the University of Richmond.

Mr. Bryan thinks that the effort of Richmond College to secure the additional endowment it is seeking should not be crossed or obscured in any way by the plans of the friends of the University of Richmond; that the powerful influences which are at work for Richmond College should in every way be encouraged, and not diverted. The college are the essential factors of the proposed university, and the more efficient and opulent they are the greater will be the scope and usefulness of their aggregation and co-operation in the university. There is not, and ought not to be, any conflict.

## Never Been In.

Mr. Bryan said he did not see in what Dr. Boatwright wrote the foundation for the headline in The Times-Dispatch—"College Out of University Plan." The college has never been in the university plan, and it is not to be. It is all that has been rolled on by the friends of the university is what Dr. Boatwright says, which in effect is that it should seem wise in the future to the trustees and alumni of Richmond College to enter into new relations, the step then can be taken according to existing conditions and agreements. That is all that could now be asked by the university, and all that could be conceded by the college.

Mr. Bryan said that his confidence in the future of the university was too strongly expressed by the statement attributed to him that he considered it "practically assured." He believes that the conditions which have created this movement for the organization of the university will increase in strength, rather than diminish; but that as the friends of the university will certainly be slowly realized.

Decades will pass before even a great part of the plan is perfected. Objections of those most to be benefited must be overcome. The practical and financial interest of those now indifferent or ignorant of the scheme, must be secured, all of which will take much labor and patience and time. All that is now hoped for is to provide a plan and lay the foundations on a scale sufficiently comprehensive to meet the requirements which the future will inevitably and inexorably demand.

## M. POBEDONOSTSEFF AUTOCRAT. DEAD

ST. PETERSBURG, March 24.—M. Pobedonostseff, former procurator-general of the Holy Synod, is dead from a complication of ailments and extreme old age.

It is understood that he left voluminous memoirs throwing light upon the reigns of the last three Romanoffs. It is expected that these memoirs will be published shortly.

The newspapers are devoting their most important space to sketches of the career of M. Pobedonostseff. They are unanimous in the judgment that he embodies an epoch. He was "one of the greatest personalities in the history of the orthodox church, and in his death the autocracy loses its most consistent, zealous and able exponent. His influence will long survive him."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY FESTIVAL

Full Program for Concerts by Wednesday Club This Year Made Public by Board of Governors—Many Notable Features.

Philistine messenger, Mr. Julian Walker; chorus of Hebrews and Philistines; artists Wednesday Club and orchestra; Dr. R. H. Peters, conductor.

**Saturday Afternoon, May 4th.**  
Symphony Concert, Boston Festival Orchestra, Mr. Emil Mollenhauer, conductor. Soloists, Mme. Olga Samaroff, pianist; M. Paul Smith, harpist.

Overture, "Sakuntala" (Goldmark) Concerto, for piano, in A minor, Op. 16 (Chopin) Grieg

1. Allegro Molto Moderato.  
2. Adagio.  
3. Vivace.

Mme. Samaroff.  
Two Dances, for harp and strings, by M. S. Shostakovich.  
Symphony, No. 6, "Pathetic" Tchaikovsky

1. Adagio: Allegro non troppo.  
2. Allegro con grazia.  
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4. Finale: Andante Lamentoso.

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# SHOE-SHINE PARLORS WILL HAVE TO CLOSE ON SUNDAY

Greek Employees Send Mayor Curiously Worded Petition Asking for Relief From Long Hours of Employment—Want to Go to Church.

Mayor McCarthy has directed the attention of the Chief of Police to violations of the Sunday observance law by numerous "shoe-shine parlors" and shops, of which complaint has been made to him by employees. The complaint came in the form of a petition signed by eight or ten Greek boys and men, employed by the various shoe-shiners, and asking him to use his influence for their relief.

The petition is a curiously signed document. Several of the names are of Greek characters, and others are a composite of Greek and English, and are undecipherable. The petitioners declare that they have to go to work daily at 6:30 A. M., and that they have no time to go to church every night except Saturday, and then until midnight. They ask such success from labor as will enable them to attend religious services on Sundays.

Replying, the Mayor wrote them that he had informed the police department of the complaint, and that ordinances already provided made it a finable offense for these shops to be kept open on Sunday.

In the enforcement of the ordinance discrimination cannot be made, and therefore all other shops are liable to be reported and fined, and it will be difficult to get a Sunday shine for a time, at least.

The advent of the Greeks has resulted in practically driving the old-fashioned shoeshine business out of business, and the swartzy men from the historic Isle are enjoying almost a monopoly of the business, and making money at it.

## BUSY SCENES AT JEFFERSON AGAIN

Hotel Presents Much the Appearance of Day Before Fire. Fuller Here.

With the older part of the Jefferson Hotel and three full floors of the new and larger complete and available for use, that history is now well filled, and the probability is that the entire building would be if it were finished. The tide of tourist travel to Florida and the Carolina resorts and Georgia is ebbing, and hundreds of the returning travelers are stopping in this city.

Yesterday the Jefferson presented much the appearance of the palmy days of the first Jefferson, prior to March 23, 1901. The corridors and parlors, the palmroom and the dining-room were thronged with guests, who were enjoying the Florida temperature prevailing here during the day. The hotel was pretty well filled. Most of the guests were from Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

Among the Virginia guests were Mr. David Lowenberg, of Norfolk, general manager of the hotel company, and Miss Mary Campbell, of the same city. Mr. Lowenberg was greeted by many Richmond friends.

Mr. Henry W. Fuller, of Washington, general passenger agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, and Mr. H. S. Calcutt, of Cincinnati, are at the Jefferson.

Among the well-known Virginians in the city yesterday was Colonel James M. Neal, of Danville, formerly postmaster and still a prominent citizen of that city. Colonel Neal is a guest of this city, and is himself very much at home in Richmond.

## KIDNAPPED CHILD BACK WITH PARENTS

Was Given Up as Dead, But Girl Got Stranger to Write Story to Paper.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LEXINGTON, KY., March 24.—Marie McClelland, a six-year-old child of unusual beauty, kidnapped at New Lexington, Ohio, and found by her uncle, Thomas McClelland, in the home of a mountaineer at Lee City, Wolfe county, yesterday, appeared the happiest child in Lexington today. It was reported that the child had been held to her discovery after having been given up as dead for several months.

Thomas McClelland, her uncle, said: "We had given the child up as dead when I saw a letter signed by Dr. W. F. Wise, of Lee City, Ky., in one of the papers describing a child. It seems Marie had told Dr. Wise that her parents lived in Ohio, and he had concluded that she was stolen. A family named Conley took her to Lee City and there gave her to a man named Nichols."

## SANDERSON NOT GUILTY. SAYS JURY

Killed Physician Who Made Love to His Wife—Thaw Case Cited.

CARTHAGE, MO., March 24.—Arthur Sanderson to-night was acquitted of the murder of Dr. Solomon D. Meredith in Carthage on January 24 last.

Mrs. Sanderson testified that Dr. Meredith, the family physician, had made love to her when she went to his office to consult him. She had detailed her experiences with the doctor to Sanderson, who immediately left the house and soon returned with Dr. Meredith. Before Mrs. Sanderson, the husband accused the physician of ruining his home and shot and killed the doctor.

In the arguments of counsel for the defense, a parallel with the Thaw case was drawn. Attorney Shannon said there was evidence of an exaggerated ego, in that the defendant thought himself "providentially called on to avenge the death of his wife."

In a dying statement Dr. Meredith denied that his relations with Mrs. Sanderson had been criminal.

## SPEAKER CANNON IN QUARANTINE AT COLON

COLON, March 24.—The steamer Bluecher, with Speaker Cannon and Representatives of the United States Congress on board, arrived here today. The Congressmen were not permitted to land, owing to the fact that the Bluecher had been out from Venezuela but five days. Six days are required by the quarantine regulations, and the health authorities were unwilling to establish a precedent in favor of the Congressmen.

## HOOKS, FISH IN PARLOR DURING FLOOD SEASON

PITTSBURGH, March 24.—Several amusing stories developed from the recent record-breaking flood which did so much damage to Pittsburgh.

When the water began to come up, William Edgar, of Groveport, not wishing to lose his valuable cow, moved her into the house. There the cow was milked, and every day gave forth large quantities of excellent milk.

Charles E. Pite lives at Glenfield. The flood reached the second story of his residence, and when the waters began to rise he took his family to the roof. The family ate fish for dinner.

When the water came over Walter Muckle's property, his chickens roosted on the roof of his house. When Mr. Muckle went to take them down he found that they had contributed an egg every day of her residence on the roof.

Mr. Walter C. Mercer, who has served the city as business manager so long in the past, has again undertaken this work, and has opened his headquarters at the Wednesday Club office, 819 East Main Street, where information concerning the festival will be gladly given, and where persons desiring to become subscribers may call and have their names enrolled.

**Officers of Club.**  
The officers of the club are as follows: President, Geo. W. Stevens. Vice-President, Henry T. Meloney. Secretary, Meade T. Spicer. Treasurer, Eugene Jones.

**Board of Governors.**—The officers and Messrs. George Bryan, M. O. Brooks, J. Stewart Bryan, J. G. Corley, W. D. Duke, James W. Gordon, H. H. Grundy, Herbert Gordon, P. C. Hahr, C. F. Hingham Hall, R. H. Harrison, J. F. Howison, Walter C. Mercer, A. B. Williams.

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# MUCH INTEREST IN MAYOR'S VETOES

Considerable Speculation as to What Papers Filed With Clerk Contain.

## NOTHING VERY SENSATIONAL

Believed Executive Will Content Himself With Statement Along Lines Already Indicated.

Mayor McCarthy has sent to City Clerk August a bunch of vetoes that will enlist the attentive interest of the members of the two branches of the Council when the documents are read therein. It is a curious coincidence that the meeting of the Common Council occurs on All Fool's Day, which also happens to be Easter Monday, and the meeting of the Board of Aldermen on Surrender Day, the anniversary of Appomattox. As the Board will be the latter of the two bodies to act upon the veto, the date may be significant of a surrender by some one.

Besides this message, the Mayor has sent others vetoing two ordinances passed by the Council, and presumably stating his reasons therefor. He has also filed a response to the Lynch resolution, asking why the Mayor has not enforced the ordinance requiring officers to file their bonds with the City Clerk. The Times-Dispatch recently published a statement on this. It is held that the ordinance empowers him to remove or suspend in his discretion, but even if he exercised his discretionary power, he would not produce the reports, but would temporarily vacate the office. It is presumed that he will thus answer the Council.

## That Investigation.

As to the joint resolution providing for an investigation of certain charges against the Finance Commission, violating the charter and their oath of office in making up the budget, and also of the recent burning of erroneously printed bonds, and a certain sale of other bonds at a price below par, the Mayor has bid for them by the sinking fund commissioners, the Mayor's reasons for his veto thereof will not, of course, be made public until the message is read. He has told the Finance Commission, however, that the charter was his authority for this charge, and that the violation was merely a technical rather than a culpable one. It is expected that the Mayor will "stand pat" in his message, and fight out the question of fact with any one who may decide to take issue with him. The Mayor is not a quitter, but has a way of standing his ground, which means battle unless the Council accept his statement contained in his message.

As to the other two transactions which the resolution proposes to investigate, much has already been published. The bond-burning is a familiar incident, and it was supposed, a closed one. As to the bond sale, in which the committee, or certain members of it, allege the Mayor is partially responsible, it is sufficient to say that the Mayor cannot sell bonds without the approval of the Finance Commission.

## Week in City Hall.

The week in the City Hall will be a busy one. The Finance Commission meets, having bi-monthly meetings of which are the Finance Commission, which will hold two meetings to-day, City Hall.

At one of these meetings regularly scheduled business will be taken up. At the other it is expected that the \$50,000 which it was at first proposed to save to the city in a reduction of taxes will be divided among the many applicants for funds in the various departments.

Much is to be provided out of this sum. The Health Department wants more funds and the Lee Ward representatives will endeavor to secure a slice of this lump for street improvements.

Some of the money will be required as a contingent fund for exposition needs. In fact, there are, as usual, many more demands than there are means to supply.

The Claims will hold its scheduled meeting to-night. The Committee on Electricity will meet at 7 P. M. to-day.

Thursday is the heavy day of the week. The regular meeting of the Street Committee and the first since the ward combine's successful division of the paving matter. It is held at 8 P. M. It is possible that an effort will be made to effect a reconsideration of the action taken, but a leading member of the combine states that "much has already been published. The bond-burning is a familiar incident, and it was supposed, a closed one. As to the bond sale, in which the committee, or certain members of it, allege the Mayor is partially responsible, it is sufficient to say that the Mayor cannot sell bonds without the approval of the Finance Commission."

The Committee on Water will meet at 8 o'clock, as will the Committee on Ordinance, Charter and Reform.

## Taft and Party AT CHARLESTON

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 21.—Hon. William H. Taft, Secretary of War, accompanied by Frederick P. Stearns, civil engineer, Boston, Mass.; Alfred Noble, civil engineer, New York City; John R. Freeman, civil and mechanical engineer, Providence, R. I.; Senator Alfred B. Kittredge, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Representatives Theo. E. Burton, Ohio, and David A. DeArmond, the Hon. Richard Reid Rogers, general counsel, Irishman Canal Commission, and Wendell W. Mitchell, confidential clerk to the Secretary of War, arrived in Charleston at 7 o'clock this morning and were met by Mayor Rhett and a number of citizens. At 8 o'clock the visitors were entertained at a breakfast at the Hotel Augusta. Twenty-five persons present, representing the navy, the army and the city. At 10 o'clock an expedition to Magnolia Gardens on the Ashley, where the Langhorns were and greatly enjoyed.

Returning to the city at 1 o'clock, the reception committee became the guests of Secretary Taft, and went aboard the Plymouth. The Langhorns were on board at which the Mayor flower raised anchor at 4 o'clock and sailed for the Isthmus, Colon, being the first stop, according to announced plans.

The secretary and party are in splendid health and the best of spirits. While talking pleasantly of every thing, Mr. Taft only laugh when suggestions of his possible candidacy for the presidency are made.